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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, another question, if I may. I read through here quickly and perhaps I am wrong but under the definition of consumer, would that include a small business man as using a car for his business?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, it would not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why not?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Reason...reason was the warranties are designed...the written warranties are designed around the concept of the average consumer and in order to get the legislation passed, in order to make it a workable thing, we specifically did leave out the business situation. Now whether you wanted to include that....

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ....that....that....

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know the technicalities of that but it seems to me that it probably could be done and I would like to talk to you further about protecting the small business man too.

SENATOR DeCAMP: My inclination, quite frankly, was and is to include that. It is my understanding there are some problems and there will be some flak. It involves agricultural use of vehicles, so on and so forth. But let's talk about it because if there were enough votes here to do something like that, I would have kind of a strong inclination to do it.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: I wonder if Senator DeCamp would respond to a question, please. Senator DeCamp, you indicated to Senator Beutler just now that it wouldn't apply to any individual who was using the vehicle for business. Did I understand you to also say that applies to agricultural use then?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It seems to be the indication, and, of course, you get into a vague area there as to whether a vehicle is used for consumer use or agricultural use, and I suppose in a particular situation that involving let's say a pickup, let's say a farm pickup, that could be disputed as to whether it was more for the agricultural activity or